

petition.

In response to respondents' motion, petitioner has filed a "Motion Requesting Default Judgment Against Respondents." (Doc. No. 19). In this motion, petitioner argues that the court should enter a default judgment against respondents for failing to respond to the court's May 9, 2011 Show Cause Order. Petitioner argues, in the alternative, that the court should grant him additional time to comply with respondents' request.

Rule 2(c) of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts (2004) (Section 2254 Rules), governs the form of the petition in habeas corpus cases. It provides:

(c) Form. The petition must:

- (1) specify all the grounds for relief available to the petitioner;
- (2) state the facts supporting each ground;
- (3) state the relief requested;
- (4) be printed, typewritten, or legibly handwritten; and
- (5) be signed under penalty of perjury by the petitioner or by a person authorized to sign it for the petitioner under 28 U.S.C. § 2242.

Section 2254 Rules, Rule 2(c). "In order to substantially comply with the Section 2254 Rule 2(c), a petitioner must state specific, particularized facts which entitle him or her to habeas corpus relief for each ground specified." Adams v. Armontrout, 897 F.2d 332, 334 (8th Cir. 1990). A general reference to transcripts, case records, and briefs on appeal "patently fails to comply with Rule 2(c)." Id. at 333.

Here, the petition fails to comply with Rule 2(c) for the reasons set out by respondents. Thus, the undersigned will grant respondents' motion and will order that petitioner refile a corrected petition that briefly and clearly states his claims, and numbers his claims sequentially.

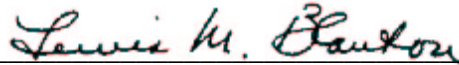
Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that respondents' Motion for More Definite Statement (Doc. No. 18) be and it is **granted**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that petitioner shall have thirty (30) days from the date of this opinion in which to refile his petition in proper form, and respondents shall have twenty (20) days after receipt of petitioner's amended petition in which to file their responsive pleading.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that petitioner's "Motion Requesting Default Judgment Against Respondents" (Doc. No. 19) be and it is **denied**.

Dated this 3rd day of August, 2011.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lewis M. Blanton", is written over a horizontal line.

LEWIS M. BLANTON
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE